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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor : Wayne J. Gonnering
Serial No. : 10/789, 509
Filed : February 27, 2004
Title : Gas-Assisted Electrosurgical Accessory Connector and
Method with Improved Gas Sealing and Biasing for
Maintaining a Gas Tight Seal
Group Art Unit : 3739
Confirmation No. : 9088
Examiner : Michael F. Peffley

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2006, and in consideration of an accompanying Petition for Two Month Extension of Time and the fee therefor, please amend the application as set forth below in Parts 1 and 2 of this Amendment and Response.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 25.

Amend claims 1-3, 7-11, 15, 16, 22, 26, 29, 30, 33 and 41.

A listing of the claims with markings to indicate status is presented in Part 1.

REMARKS:

Comments regarding the above amendments and the June 28 Office Action are presented in Part 2.